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Commissioner,

In light of the recent testimony of the former Attorney General and Minister of Justice, the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould has exposed a disturbing pattern of events regarding alleged political interference by the Prime Minister's Office and the Prime Minister himself in an ongoing criminal prosecution.

What we now know is that the Prime Minister's political staff, and senior officials reporting to him, met with SNC-Lavalin an astonishing 31 times. What we also know is that following every development in SNC-Lavalin's prosecution, the firm swiftly found an audience with those close to the Prime Minister.

"Undue pressure" was placed on former Attorney General by political actors urging her to exercise her authority to overrule the Director of Public Prosecutions, who had rendered a decision in this matter on Sept 4, 2018.

Given the subsequent chain of events that include portions of conversations that reference immense pressure and political interference, and the subsequent removal of the former Attorney General and Minister of Justice from that position in relation to the reported conversations, followed by her resignation, there is reason to believe that pressure and interference did occur.

As the Honourable Wilson-Raybould said in her testimony, "I experienced a consistent and sustained effort by many people within the government to seek to politically interfere in the exercise of prosecutorial discretion."

Per section 139(2) of the Criminal Code it is prohibited to attempt to obstruct, pervert or defeat the course of justice. We believe that there are reasonable and probable grounds to suspect that the conduct of the Prime Minister's Office has crossed that threshold.

It is contrary to the section 423.1(1) of the Criminal Code to engage in any conduct with the intent to provoke fear in the Attorney General.

We, the undersigned, have served Canada as either federal or provincial Attorney General.

In our shared view, ordinary Canadians, who do not benefit from political connections, have been charged under these sections with much less evidence.

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